

## City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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### November 26 - December 2 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit **socoemergency.org** for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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### **QUICK FACTS**

SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, TRAVEL: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES MANDATORY INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF WORKERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: CLICK HERE

- AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR MULTI-COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEMS WITH THEIR OWN MANDATORY FLU VACCINE PROGRAM ACROSS THE SYSTEM UNTIL NOV. 30, 2021: CLICK HERE
- AMENDMENT NO.2 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXPANDS THE INFLUENZA VACCINATION ORDER TO INCLUDE ALL WORKERS SUBJECT TO THE CDPH COVID-19 ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2021: CLICK HERE
- AMENDMENT NO.3 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR ALL WORKERS SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENZA ORDER, AND AMENDMENTS, UNTIL NOV. 30, 2021: CLICK HERE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: FLU

VACCINATIONS (IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SONOMA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND EMS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR.): CLICK HERE

# SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: CLICK HERE

 AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN STABLE COHORTS OF FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: CLICK HERE

### SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE\*: CLICK HERE

- PERCENT 5+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED 8.2%
- PERCENT 5+ FULLY VACCINATED 74.2%

### 25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

\*Information updated as of Friday, December 3rd at 11am.

### HOMELESS EMERGENCY DECLARATION & RV SAFE PARKING PILOT PROJECT

### Community Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for Dec. 9

In a move to provide safe and humane conditions for the unhoused population of Sebastopol, clear Morris Street encampments, and prevent future unpermitted camping on city streets, the Sebastopol City Council made several important decisions at a special meeting on November 30 attended by some 150 members of the public.

The Council declared a Homeless Emergency and voted to enter into an agreement with **Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS)** to develop and operate a one-year pilot program for an RV village at 845 Gravenstein Highway North (former AmeriGas site). SAVS will set up, manage, supervise, and provide wrap-around services (a team-based, collaborative case management approach that provides support services such as referrals to counseling, food, health care, etc.) at the site.

Additionally, the Council moved to begin the process of creating enforceable parking rules to prevent future unpermitted RV and vehicle camping on city streets. City staff will return to the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting to outline parking rule options. While the bulk of financing for the pilot program has been secured by SAVS, the Council also moved to potentially pay the lease on the privately-owned land (approximately \$60,000) in the unlikely event that it fails to secure grants or other funding.

While the Council would have preferred to extend the community engagement process, in order to take advantage of over \$500,000 of county funding earmarked for the alleviation of homelessness, an agreement had to be in place between the City of Sebastopol and SAVS before December 8.

Additional information may be found on the City website <u>HERE</u>. Here is a link to a <u>video recording</u> of the November 30 meeting in its entirety.

SAVS has tentatively scheduled a community meeting for December 9. Please send your email address to Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley at <a href="mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org">mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org</a>, who will compile a list of interested parties and relay it to the SAVS team.

### ONE HOUR PARKING LIMITS SUSPENDED ON MAIN STREET



Now it's even easier to shop in Downtown Sebastopol. One hour parking limits will be suspended on Main Street in Downtown Sebastopol through the month of December.

Sponsored by The Sebastopol Downtown Association

### SONOMA COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021



After each census, California Boards of Supervisors are mandated to adjust supervisorial district boundaries within the County to reflect the new census data and to keep supervisorial districts substantially equal in population.

On December 7, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will introduce an ordinance to adopt the new map. Members of the public are invited to share their feedback in advance of the meeting by emailing redistricting2021@sonoma-county.org.

Sebastopol is located in District 5. The map currently under consideration is "RP Split 3," which does not change any district boundaries within the City of Sebastopol and makes only minor shifts in the unincorporated areas north, south, and east of town.

More information may be found on the Sonoma County Redistricting page **HERE**.

<u>Interactive Map</u> showing current and proposed district boundaries. "RP Split 3" is the map currently under consideration.

WINTER HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

## Winter Holiday Fire Safety



### Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit **www.usfa.fema.gov.** 





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Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



**Christmas** is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least

12 inches away from anything that burns.





every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.









For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html and nfpa.org/winter.

### SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS

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December 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

Sonoma County Winter Shelters offer 53 beds in addition to year-round shelters and help to protect people from the year's harshest weather. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and may offer wraparound services as well.

#### **REACH FOR HOME - 9 BEDS**

Open when temperature falls below 38° or two or more days of rain 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Limited dinners available

7 - 9 pm: Check-in; 7 am: Check-out

For adults and families
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 W. Matheson St., Healdsburg, CA (707) 433-6161

#### **REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION – 40 BEDS**

5 pm - 7 am

Intake: Daily at 1 pm in the Chapel, must have ID For adults and families – sober shelter
Entertaining Angels Nomadic Shelter Program
101 6th St., Santa Rosa, CA

(707) 542-4817

#### **SOCIAL ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH – 4 BEDS**

7 pm –8 am
For youth ages 18-24 years only
Dream Center Emergency Shelter
2447 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
Youth Crisis Line: (888) 729-0012

### **DROP-IN CENTER**

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 6 -11 am & 1 - 5:30 pm Hot showers, laundry, telephone, mail service, Coordinated Entry intake Homeless Services Center 610 Wilson St., Santa Rosa, CA – **NEW ADDRESS** Coordinated Entry: (866) 542-5480

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL

As leaders and representatives entrusted with strengthening the City of Sebastopol's future, the City Council is seeking Proposals for Community Vitality/Economic Vitality for Relaunch Sebastopol.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To carry out the duties to enhance community and economic vitality for Sebastopol and coordinate a variety of organizations and interests towards a common goal of increased community vitality. The City wants to enhance

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



Sebastopol as the welcoming and safe destination with a rich history, abundance of culture and attractions, and a beautiful City to see by foot or bike.

#### NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sebastopol will receive Proposals until **5:00 PM**, **December 4, 2021** to provide services for Community Vitality/Economic Vitality. No Proposals will be received or considered after that time. The resulting contract from this Request for Proposal will have a term of one year or longer depending upon proposed costs of services.

See the full Request for Proposals **HERE**.

### SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) RADIO CLASS - DEC. 5



Sunday, December 5, 2021 90 Minute Class

Learn basic radio equipment use and standard message protocols to effectively communicate via radio. Discuss radio equipment differences and which type of radio may serve you best where you live. Work together with others in our area to stay connected and informed when normal communication systems are not available.

To sign up go to <a href="www.sebastopolready.org/calendar">www.sebastopolready.org/calendar</a>. For more info email: <a href="mailto:information.sncu@gmail.com">information.sncu@gmail.com</a>.

### CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol offers a program aimed at encouraging local businesses and property owners to improve commercial and industrial buildings. Upgrades, maintenance, and aesthetic enhancements will benefit the entire community and enhance the local economy.

With these objectives in mind, subject to funding availability, the Sebastopol Façade Improvement Program will provide a rebate for expenses incurred on new exterior property improvements made to commercial or industrial buildings within the City of Sebastopol.



The program will reimburse a property owner or tenant for 75% of new improvements up to \$2,500. Eligible improvements include painting, new signage, awnings, landscaping, exterior lighting, and local permit fees. Façade building improvements (new windows, changing materials, etc.) are also eligible; however, please note that larger changes may require Design Review approval as well.

The objective of the Façade Improvement Program is to provide an incentive to property owners and/or tenants to enhance the physical appearance of buildings and landscapes. This public/private partnership investment is intended to leverage private capital with public funds for greater community economic benefit.

To apply for the program a building owner or tenant, with the owner's approval, should fill out the attached application and include bid estimates for the proposed improvement(s). The Planning Department then reviews the submitted application for completeness and batches them to be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Design Review Board for approval. Deadlines for applications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022

It is anticipated that the Board will hear the Façade Improvement Submittals on February 16, 2022 and May 4, 2022 or May 18, 2022. Note, funding is limited based on the adopted City Budget. Funding may be entirely allotted in early rounds.

Applications are required to be submitted a minimum of two (2) weeks before the scheduled Design Review Board Meeting. If an application is submitted after the quarterly deadline it may be pushed to the following meeting.

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director at (707) 823-6167 or <a href="mailto:KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org">KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</a>

**Facade Improvement Program Application Packet** 

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City of Sebastopol (City) invites proposals from consulting firms interested in providing website redesign, development, and hosting services for the City website

#### (www.cityofsebastopol.org).

The City is seeking to update its website to enhance the user experience, simplify content management, and provide improved citizen-centric information and customer service to its

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



#### CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

community, while meeting high standards for design quality and visual appeal.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The City is seeking proposals from highly qualified, experienced website development companies to design, develop and implement its public-facing website. We are seeking to redesign our website to include an intuitive, easy-to-use interface that allows residents, visitors, and business partners to complete their tasks quickly and easily regardless of the device they are using. The solution should also be easy to maintain for our administrators and content creators, streamline business operations and increase productivity.

#### NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sebastopol will receive Proposals until **3:00 PM**, **December 29, 2021** to provide services for providing website redesign, development, and hosting services for the City website. No Proposals will be received or considered after that time.

See the full Request for Proposals HERE.

### **NOMINATE A LOCAL WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



Do you know a Sebastopol local who makes a difference in the community?

The Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) program recognizes and acknowledges Sebastopol community members for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Nominations for the next LWMAD honoree will close on **December 30, 2021**.

To nominate someone from the Sebastopol community, learn about past honorees or the program, visit the <u>Locals Who Make a Difference</u> section of the City website.

### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT WATER UPGRADES \$AVE, A WATER- AND MONEY-SAVING PROGRAM?



Sebastopol's Water Upgrades \$ave program makes conserving water easy and affordable. Residents select water-efficient upgrades (toilets, showerheads, and faucet aerators) that automatically lower their water use. This translates into savings on their utility bills, covering the cost of the upgrades—and then some. Sebastopol has completed 36 single family projects resulting in an annual savings of 172,321 gallons of water. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.waterupgradessave.org">www.waterupgradessave.org</a> or call 877-846-8795.

Water savings are urgently needed. See the City's Water Conservation page for actions you can take to reduce water usage and check out these indoor and outdoor water conservation tips from the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership.

Here's this week's tip to help you reduce your water consumption:



 During this historic drought, the North Bay region has been working hard to save water. This fall and winter, it's especially important that we all continue to conserve and one of the best things we can all do is take a break from outdoor irrigation. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

### SONOMA COUNTY FALL WORKSHOP SERIES



The County of Sonoma, Energy and Sustainability Division is pleased to announce the latest workshops in an ongoing series for those interested in learning more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home or business more resilient.

Presentations will also include information about financing and other resources such as rebates and incentives to get your projects started. To register, please click on the workshops below that you would like to attend.

Funding Your Projects – Rebates and Financing Wednesday, Dec. 8 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

For more information, visit the County of Sonoma website <u>HERE</u> or to RSVP directly, call 707-565-6470 or email **GSenergy@sonoma-county.org** 

### 16TH ANNUAL BUCKET BRIGADE BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

It's time for the 16th Annual Bucket Brigade Blood Drive Challenge! The Bucket Brigade is a friendly competition among participating fire departments in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties to demonstrate which department

can attract the most donors. More donors equal more lives saved! Last year in December and January, our local Bucket Brigade provided 750 lifesaving units.

Be a donor in this life saving challenge!

**Sebastopol Fire Station** 

Location: 7425 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

**Time:** 1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Appointment Link: Click Here to Donate Blood on December 14th

Click **HERE** to download a PDF of the flyer.



### Sebastopol Fire Station

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:15 PM – 5:30 PM 7425 Bodega Ave. Sebastopol, CA 95472



Scan the code to make your appointment.

### Appointments encouraged.

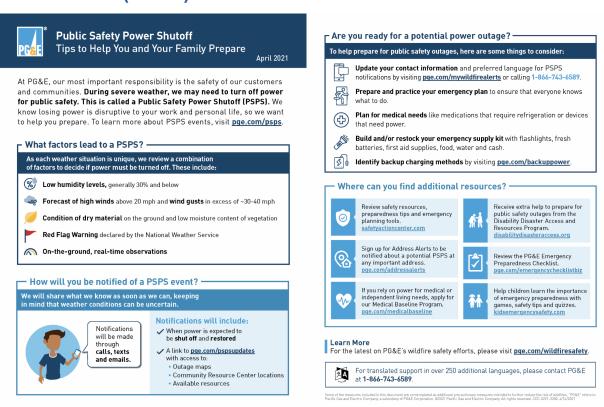
For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825 or visit us at **vitalant.org** 



All donors receive a Bucket Brigade T-shirt as our thank you.



### SHUTOFF (PSPS)?



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <u>WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS</u>
DOWNLOAD THE PSPS TIPS PDF <u>HERE</u>.

### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



Police Department Police Officer

Deadline to Apply: Open 10/18/21 (Open and Continuous)

See the city <u>website</u> for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.

### **COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES**

### **COUNTY OF SONOMA**

### COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status

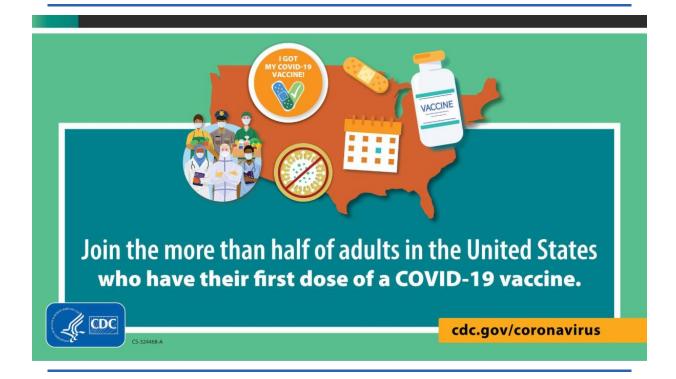
See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of testing locations in the County.

See the **SoCoEmergency Testing** page for more information.

# Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.



### LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

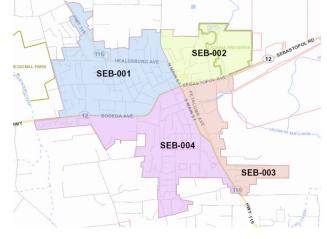


If you have employment questions, benefits questions, tenant protections questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Visit their website <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> for more information.

### **EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS**

### SEBASTOPOL EVACUATION MAPS

As part of on going efforts with the County of Sonoma, Sebastopol now has evacuation maps. You can find



links on the <u>Fire Department</u> page of the City's website.

<u>Sebastopol City Limits -</u>
<u>Evacuation Map</u> (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

<u>Sebastopol Addresses Outside</u>
<u>City Limits - Evacuation Map</u> (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

### Make sure that you have signed up for:

SoCoAlerts; and

Nixle Alerts (either online or by texting your zip code to 888777)

It is important to register for both types of alerts. If you receive Nixle alerts, read them thoroughly and click on any links.

Text Fire or Fuego (for Spanish) to 211-211 for updates.

More information on alerts may be found <a href="here">here</a>.

### **CITY NEWS**

### **CITY MEETINGS**

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "<u>Meetings</u>" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating virtually in real time when this feature is available.

### **City Council Meetings:**

- Meeting Days: First and Third Tuesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 6pm
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before the meeting:
  - For Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting

#### to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org

- For Items Listed on the Agenda: Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items listed on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the agenda item during the virtual City Council meeting. Email comments must identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of the email. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: City Council Meeting of December 7, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

#### **Planning Commission Meetings:**

- Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 6pm
- Livestream Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of December 14, 2021 @ 6:00</u>
   PM

(**NOTE:** All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: <a href="https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx">https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx</a>)

#### **Design Review Board Meetings:**

- Meeting Days: First and Third Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 4pm
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to amontes@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: Design Review Board Meeting of December 15, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

#### **Public Arts Committee Meetings:**

- Meeting Days: First Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 10:30am
- Livestream Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>amontes@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: There are currently no meetings scheduled.



### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR PRESENTED BY THE LEGACY - DECEMBER 9-13

• When: Dec 9th - Dec 13th

• Where: 720 Gravenstein Hwy N (in the Redwood Marketplace Shopping

Center by Lucky's)Hours: 10am - 5pm

### All proceeds benefit the Sebastopol Area Senior Center



# CHECK OUT THE CURRENT EXHIBIT AT THE WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - CLASSY CARS AND THEIR CARE



This exhibit takes a look at the automotive businesses in Sebastopol from the early 1900's to today and includes auto dealerships, parts stores, repair shops, and gas stations.

Learn about the longest running address where a gas station has been since 1932, plus the oldest building, built as a modern Mobil Oil Service Station in 1940, still standing today.

Take a step back in time with our pictorial display which will let you reminisce about the town as you remember it.

You will also see a large collection of 4" hub caps, over 50 radiator badges, and hand tools actually used at a local gas station by its operator in 1958. Also on display are war time ration mileage stamps, a 1932 Sebastopol Chevrolet Co. checkbook, and a curbside gas pump from the 1910's to name a few items.

The Museum is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Image from Western Sonoma County Historical Society <u>website</u>.

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